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lets all of the members of the League  
will be anxious to join in its suppres-  
sion. Article X. is one of the great  
steps forward provided in the League  
for the securing of general peace."

Even in his letter to Mr. HAYS,  
of date as recent as Sunday last, Mr.  
TART remarks of Article X.:

"It is absolutely necessary to re-  
tain Article X. in order to stabilize  
the world. The fluid condition of the  
region of the world, and it needs the  
united forces of the world to restore  
a normal condition of self-mainte-  
nance. In my judgment, therefore, it  
would be most unfortunate if the  
cautionary influence of Article X.  
may not be retained in the crucial  
decade through which the world is  
to pass."

In view of these statements it is a  
little difficult to follow the line of  
reasoning—or is it the line of the  
pressure of emergency?—by which  
Mr. TART reaches the conclusion em-  
bodied in the third of his sugges-  
tions, thus reported in paraphrase:

"2. Functioning of the council un-  
der Article X. shall be advisory only,  
and not binding on the members,  
each of whom shall be free to deter-  
mine his own obligation, which in the  
case of the United States would be  
determined by Congress."

That knocks out so utterly and  
completely Article X. as a measure  
of super-sovereignty in the manner  
originally proposed by President  
Wilson that we are lost in wonder  
how Mr. TART can still regard it as  
"one of the great steps forward pro-  
vided in the League for the securing  
of general peace." If Mr. TART now  
views Article X. as is intimated in  
his first letter to Mr. HAYS, in the  
light of a merely "cautionary influ-  
ence" his well known sense of humor  
must have informed him that all the  
cautionary influence surviving in the  
article is of the sort exhibited on a  
Keep Off the Grass sign in a public  
place where the perpetual absence of  
policemen is notorious.

There is a mystery about the pub-  
lication of these documents which at  
the present time of writing is yet  
unexplained. We had yesterday Mr.  
TART's six suggestions only in the  
form of paraphrase or outline, al-  
though that was the part of the corre-  
spondence where the exact text would  
naturally be expected. At the same  
time we had the exact text of the first  
letter of commentary and exposition,  
written last Sunday in Quebec by Mr.  
TART and containing his extremely  
frank observations on President Wil-  
son's personality. As to the second  
letter from Quebec, addressed to "My  
dear Will," and intimating that it  
would be unwise to bring the six sug-  
gestions to the notice of Senator  
LORRER or of the Senators "ranged in  
general opposition to the ratification  
of the treaty without reservations," it  
is scarcely conceivable that Mr.  
TART ever intended that missive to  
reach the eyes of the public. Further  
evidence of this may be found in the  
fact that in this same confidential  
letter, written as lately as last Sun-  
day, Mr. TART suggests a future con-  
ference between Mr. HAYS and Mr.  
HILLES "in furtherance of our com-  
mon object, which is that of securing  
a ratification of the treaty, a freeing  
of the Republican party from the bur-  
den of defeating the treaty and the  
removal of its issues from the next  
political campaign." He can hardly  
have believed that these intimate sug-  
gestions, penned on Sunday, would  
appear in the following Thursday  
morning's newspapers.

Whatever may be the explanation  
of this singular incident, we cannot  
imagine that its effect will be any-  
thing but heartening to "the Republi-  
cans ranged in general opposition to  
the ratification of the league without  
reservations."

There are further expressions in  
the TART letters showing how the for-  
mer President regards the present  
Executive's course with regard to  
this matter. Mr. TART may be some-  
what over the misappropriation and  
perversion of the property of the  
League to Enforce Peace, but he does  
no injustice to President Wilson's  
character and performance when he  
says to Chairman HAYS:

"He selected a commission in which  
the Republicans had no representa-  
tion and in which there were no  
prominent Americans of any real ex-  
perience and leadership of public  
opinion. With such a commission  
his unusual course of going abroad  
himself, as President, greatly empha-  
sized the personal element in the  
framing of the treaty and intensified  
the general tendency to oppose any-  
thing he might bring home, because  
of his apparent wish to dictate the  
policy of the world and to monopoli-  
ze the credit for it."

A more accurate perception of mo-  
tive and a truer analysis of the  
causes delaying the conclusion of  
peace could scarcely be desired.

The difference between President  
Wilson's interest in forcing the  
League covenant into the treaty of  
peace and ex-President TART's inter-  
est in the same project is obvious to  
all who understand the nature and  
proclivities of these two eminent  
Americans. Mr. Wilson is working  
to put the covenant through because,  
as Mr. TART candidly expresses it, "of  
his wish to dictate the policy of the  
world and to monopolize the credit  
for it." Mr. TART has been support-  
ing the President's efforts because he  
believes that if some sort of interna-  
tional machinery can be started, no  
matter how defective in construction  
or unsatisfactory in operation, it may  
develop hereafter into an establish-  
ment more closely resembling that  
which he and his League to Enforce  
Peace have so long had in hope of  
heart. Mr. Wilson wants to save  
the face he has been exhibiting so  
copiously to the foreign world. Mr.  
TART wants to save the international  
tribunal he has so long and with such  
honest enthusiasm proposed. Bearing  
these plain facts in mind, a political  
association between the two statesmen  
that would otherwise be abnormal  
becomes entirely natural and perhaps  
even reasonable.

Of the six suggested amendments,  
or reservations, or interpretations, or  
interpretative explanations suggested  
by Mr. TART to enable Mr. Wilson  
to save his face by the sacrifice of the  
true inwardness of the covenant the  
most important is that which concerns  
Article X. Of this article Mr. TART  
wrote not long ago:

"The reason for Article X. is the  
protection of weaker nations against  
stronger ones. Great nations are sel-  
dom attacked except in case of a  
conspiracy like that of this present  
war, and when such a conspiracy ex-

cept September of 1914, on the of-  
ficial books.

Between them July and August pro-  
vide about one-fifth of the 43.34 inches  
of rain which New York catches in the  
average year, and which is about the  
average precipitation in the North.  
Think of southwestern Assam, where  
the average is 458 inches and where  
in 1861 the rainfall was 905 inches, or  
75 feet. We thought ourselves  
miserable recently, but consider those  
mothers of the tropics where all the  
rain comes in the summer and all is  
damp misery for weeks. As for the  
wetness or dryness of the coming  
August, let us be as consoling as we  
can. In 1880, when July was sopping,  
August was dryer than normal, and  
this was true again in 1897.

In the second year of the war, in  
months when showers seemed un-  
reasonably frequent, a popular im-  
pression prevailed that the cannon-  
ading in Europe must have had some-  
thing to do with the weeping of the  
skies. The weather sharps vainly as-  
sured their clients that this was not  
so; could not be so. Looking back-  
ward over the precipitation figures  
for the years of the war it is evident  
that the weather men were right. The  
rainfall in each year was below the  
average of the last fifty years. Mars  
does not affect the work of J. Pluvius.

Passing of Black Face Minstrelsy.

The death is reported from Cali-  
fornia of GEORGE PALMISTO, who dur-  
ing his more than fifty years on the  
American stage was considered one of  
the most successful of the "black  
face" minstrels. PALMISTO was per-  
haps the last survivor of the old style  
song and dance man. He was a fa-  
vorite with New York minstrel gauds  
audiences more than a quarter of a  
century ago, when black face enter-  
tainments were at the height of their  
popularity, and through his yearly  
tours of the larger cities of the coun-  
try he won much the same favor  
throughout the United States.

Both of these men are doubly fortu-  
nate in having excellent records in  
civil as well as military life. Major  
LA GUARDIA has had experience in the  
law, in the consular service, when he  
was at Budapest, Trieste and Fiume;  
in the immigration department at El-  
lis Island and in general legislative  
work in Congress. His work in the  
war, where he served as a flying of-  
ficer at the head of the American bomb-  
ing squad on the Italian front, is  
familiar to the public.

Major McCook, like Major LA GUAR-  
DIA, was a war volunteer and he was  
wounded in the Argonne Forest. In  
the less strenuous activities of war  
time he is remembered as the head  
of Mayor MITCHELL's Committee on  
National Defence and as Director of  
the Draft.

The Republicans of this country  
have availed themselves of two men  
who would be worthy of the places  
for which they are indorsed even if  
they had not distinguished them-  
selves in the army.

Wet Vote Geography.

Geographically the anti-prohibition  
vote in the House has some interest-  
ing features. The Atlantic and Gulf  
States gave 71 of the 109 opposing  
votes, of which total the Gulf States  
furnished only 9, listing 62, a major-  
ity of all the opposing votes, to eight  
Atlantic Coast States, thus: Massa-  
chusetts, 5; Rhode Island, 2; Con-  
necticut, 4; New York, 27; New Jer-  
sey, 7; Pennsylvania, 12; Maryland, 3;  
North Carolina, 2.

Of these 62 votes 33 were Demo-  
cratic and 29 Republican; of New  
York's 27 opposing votes the Demo-  
crats furnished 19, the Republicans  
8, but of Pennsylvania's 12 votes the  
Republicans furnished 9, the Demo-  
crats 3.

The Pacific Coast States furnished  
only 5 opposing votes, California 4,  
Oregon 1.

The great Middle West furnished  
but 23 votes opposing bone dry legis-  
lation. Illinois, which makes oceans  
of beer but is not greatly noted for it  
outside the State, supplied 11 opposi-  
tion votes, yet the two States whose  
principal cities are world famous for  
their beers, which are transported  
across deserts, over mountains, to  
modest burgs, snuggled among  
roses, as the pretty pictures have  
shown us, gave the veto but slight  
support, only three Representatives  
from each State casting votes to save  
St. Louis and St. Paul's amber  
beverages from declassification.

With ex-Aviator LA GUARDIA head-  
ing the city ticket the Eagle should fly  
high next November.

The United States Government  
should be asked to become the manda-  
tory for Washington, D. C.

The wisdom of the Prince of WALKER  
in deciding to live on board H. M. S.  
Renown while visiting this city is not  
apparent until it is realized that the  
deck of a British battleship is equiv-  
alent to being in the city of London,  
which to entertain his American friends  
in a style not in fashion just at present  
in this country.

The question unfortunately is not  
the mere interrogation, Who put the  
Shantung terms in the treaty? but the  
more problematic query, Who'll take  
them out?

Compensations in Food Shortage.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bertha Harris, M. C., U.  
S. A., in the Midwest Record.  
German physicians say that since over-  
eating has not been possible since 1914  
there has been a decrease in stomach dis-  
eases, but that when a gastric disorder  
does arise it is very difficult to relieve,  
because the proper diet is lacking. I was  
also informed that the low diet has helped  
a great many people who were accus-  
tomed to overeating before the war; and  
that liver diseases, chronic nephritis,  
Bright's disease, and other chronic ail-  
ments which affect men and women over  
30 years of age have decreased consid-  
erably. Diabetes, a disease which in many  
cases is thought to be due to overeating,  
and in which the best treatment is starva-  
tion, is said to have disappeared from Ger-  
many. I asked a physician about gastric  
disease formerly much dreaded by the  
Germans. He laughed and replied, "We  
don't have gout any more."

Even in Prohibition's Stronghold.

From the Boston Herald.  
It was said in a recent issue of the  
Boston Herald that the party that go to make  
a happy and contented home.

## TRUST IN THE SENATE.

The Treaty and the League Will Be  
Dealt With on Their Merits.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Our  
transatlantic President has got himself  
into a hole.

The Senate, however, is going to deal  
with the treaty on its merits, irrespective  
of what Mr. Wilson may have whispered  
in the ear of Clemenceau or of Lloyd  
George.

It looks now as if it won't be long be-  
fore people generally will find out what a  
colossal humbug this scheme of a League  
of Nations amounts to. Michiel breeding  
unworkable, the United States  
should repudiate it in toto.

No dovetailing intransigence can assign to  
each country the proper weight and in-  
fluence its vote shall carry and no more.  
This is only one of its incurable defects.

It is gratifying to learn that the Sen-  
ate is not going to be hurried